[Mr. E. P. Varghese]

(*d*) the number of Latin Catholic applicants, specialised in printing, for work in the Government Press during the same period and the number appointed ; and

(*e*) a caste-war list of hands specialised in printing now employed in the Government Press with the dates of their appointment ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) (*b*) (*c*) (*d*) and (*e*) The *lists are laid on the table.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Note —Questions are numbered in a single series for the whole session.

Appointments made by the present Director of Registration.

5, **Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments, permanent and acting, for three months, made in the Registration Department by the present Director of Registration after he took charge up to the 10th Thulam 1111 ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The *statement required is laid on the table.

(*Note* :—The appointments are those made by the late Director of Registration).

Duty on certain articles.

6. **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether export duty is being levied either in Cochin or in British India on such articles as cocoanut, copra, cocoanut oil, etc. ; and

(*b*) whether the duty levied here on tobacco, toddy, arrack, etc., is higher than that in British India and Cochin ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Export duty is not levied on cocoanuts, copra and cocoanut oil in British India and Cochin.

(*b*) A †statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

Assistant Surgeons appointed since 1-1-1107.

7. **Mr. E. P. Varghese :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of Assistant Surgeons, permanent or acting entertained in service from 1-1-1107 to 1-7-1111 ;

(*b*) the respective dates of each appointment ;

(*c*) whether they have made any appointment overlooking the claims of men who have already acted ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the names of such persons appointed with respective date of appointment ; and

(*e*) the particular reasons for making such appointments ?

* *Vide* Appendix XII —pages 520—522.
† *Vide* Appendix XIII pages—523
‡ *Vide* Appendix XIV—page—524.

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Appendix XIV.

Vide **Answer to unstarred Question No. 6.**

STATEMENT.

Tobacco is assessed to duty in British India and in Travancore at the following rates on import :—

British India—Standard rate of duty—Bh. Rs. 3-4-0 per lb.
Preferential rate - Bh. Rs. 2-12-0 ,,

Travancore—1. Coimbatore tobacco—Bh. Rs. 120 per candy
2. Tinnevelly tobacco—Bh. Rs. 120 ,,
3. Jaffna tobacco—Bh. Rs. 135 ,,

In the case of Jaffna tobacco import duty is levied at the reduced rate of Bh. Rs. 135 per candy under the conditions specified in Notification R. O. C. No. 6722-1/31/Devpt, dated 15th December 1931, subject to the modification that any quantities imported in excess of the maximum therein prescribed will be liable to duty at the preferential rate of Bh. Rs. 2-12-0 per pound.

Cochin—British Indian tobacco imported into Cochin is not subject to any customs duty.

Toddy—Tree tax is the duty on toddy. The rates of tree tax for different kinds of toddy producing trees except Palmyrah are same in Travancore and Cochin. The rate of tree tax for Palmyrah is Rs. 4 per annum in Travancore and Rs. 3 per annum in Cochin. In British India the rates of tree tax vary according to the Districts. The rates in Tinnevelly District are (1) cocoanut tree—B.Rs. 5-10-0 per half year. (2) Palmyra tree — Bh. Rs. 3-12-0 per year.

Arrack—The rate of duty on Jaggery arrack in Travancore—Bh. Rs. 5-5-0. per proof gallon.

Cochin—In the Northern taluks Bh. Rs. 6-8-0 per P. G.
In the Southern taluks Bh. Rs. 5-0-0 ,,

British India.—The rate of duty on jaggery arrack-Bh. Rs. 5-7-9 per Imperial Gallon.

Thus the rate of duty on arrack in Travancore is higher than that in the Southern taluks of Cochin and lower than that in the Northern Taluks of Cochin and British India.

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